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CHILDREN'S DAY

At Grace Reformed Church, Sept. 25th.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

SABBATH SCHOOL, 9:30

Temperance Lesson:

Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them. Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink. Isa. 5; 11, 22.

But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink, they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. Isa. 28:7.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 20:1.

guide thine heart in the way. Be not among wine-bibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh. For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty.—Prov. 23: 19-21.

Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

At last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.—Prov. 23: 29-32.

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like:

Of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Gal. 5: 19, 21.

Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken. Hab. 2: 15.

PREACHING SERVICE, 10:30.

Opening chant.

Invocation.

HYMN.

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Responsive reading:

Pastor.—Thou shalt keep the feast of harvest, the first fruits of thy labor, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of in-gathering which is in the end of the year, when thou has gathered in thy labours out of the field.

Congregation.—We thy people and the sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever; we will show forth thy praise to all generations.

Pastor.—Honor the Lord with thy substance, and the first-fruits of thine increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Cong.—Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness, and Thy paths drop fatness.

Pastor.—Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God, who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains. He giveth to the beast his food and to the young ravens which cry.

Cong.—The eyes of all wait upon Thee: and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest Thine hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

Pastor.—O, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men.

Cong.—The Lord is good to all; and His tender mercies are over all His works.

Pastor and Congregation.—I will praise Thee, O, Lord, with my whole heart.

Prayer.

HYMN.

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness.

Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the Harvest, and the time of reaping
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

*Bringing in the sheaves,
Bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing,
Bringing in the sheaves.*

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;

By and by the harvest, and the labor ended,
We shall come rejoicing, -bringing in the sheaves.

Sermon.

The Lord's prayer.

Voluntary.....By the Choir.

Offerings—He which soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully.—II. Cor. 9: 6.

Doxology.

Benediction.

JUNIOR SOCIETY, 2:30.

Subject—"Must I Confess Christ?"
Matt. 10: 32, 33. Leader—Rosa Dukeman.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING, 6:30.

Consecration meeting—"Worthy Confession." I. Cor. 11: 23-28; Col. 1: 9-14.—A. K. Zartman.

WOMAN AND HARVEST SERVICE, 7:30.

Opening chant.

Prayer.

HYMN.

We come, our Redeemer, to sing of thy love;
And mingle our voices with angels above;
We gather to worship, and hail Thee our King,
And here in thy temple our tribute to bring.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, thy name we adore.

All honor and glory to Thee ever more;

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, thy name we adore.

All honor and glory to Thee ever more.

We thank Thee for blessings that fall like the dew,

We thank Thee for mercies each moment anew!
But O, how we thank Thee that all may believe,
And life everlasting from Thee may receive.

We praise Thee, etc.

Responsive scripture reading.

Pastor.—For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.

Cong.—In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whither shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

Pastor.—He that observeth the wind shall not sow.

Cong.—And he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.

Pastor.—Sow not among thorns.

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Cong.—Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.

Pastor.—Behold the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and the latter rain.

Cong.—For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

Pastor.—The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys are covered with corn; they shout for joy; they also sing.

Cong.—Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: Thou settlest the furrows thereof: Thou makest it soft with showers: Thou blessest the springing thereof.

Pastor.—The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.

Cong.—Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

Pastor.—Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses burst out with new wine,

AUTUMN AND HARVEST SERVICE.
—Recitations, Singing, etc., by the children.

Offerings—The liberal soul shall be made fat. Prob. 11:25.

CLOSING HYMN.

There's a Stranger at the door,
Let Him in,
He has been there oft before,
Let Him in:
Let Him in ere He is gone,
Let Him in the Holy One
Jesus Christ the Father's Son;
Let Him in.

Open now to Him your heart
Let Him in,

If you wait He will depart,
Let Him in;

Let Him in,—He is your Friend;
He your soul will sure defend,
He will keep you to the end;
Let Him in.

Benediction,

"The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another."

The autumn communion service will be held Sabbath morning, Oct. 23rd.

GRACE CHURCH AUDITORIUM.

At the monthly meeting of the Consistory held Monday evening, Sept., 5th, a meeting of the congregation was ordered for Thursday evening, Sept. 15th. This meeting was announced from the pulpit Sabbath morning and evening Sept. 11th, while special notices were also issued by the pastor and sent to all the members of the church. These notices stated that business of special importance would come before the church at this meeting. The time for the meeting arrived and our hearts were rejoiced to see so many of the members present.

After appropriate devotional services the pastor stated that the object of the meeting was to deliberate with reference to the building of the church auditorium, and if it was found advisable, to take some definite action fixing the time of building.

The pastor spoke of the needs of the church, its opportunities, and possibilities, and said he felt assured that with a united effort on the part of the whole church, the auditorium could be built without any great difficulty. Brief addresses were also made by members of the church. All spoke heartily in favor of building and of taking definite action at once in the matter. After the whole project was carefully and prayerfully talked over, the following resolution was presented for action.

Resolved, "That we begin the erection of the auditorium next season."

After a few moments of silent prayer, this resolution was put before the church and was adopted without a dissenting voice. The meeting was enthusiastic and harmonious. Every one felt rejoiced that there was such unanimity of feeling and expression throughout the entire meeting. While it is true that the church is undertaking a great work, we feel assured that it is entering upon a new era of activity and prosperity.

It was decided also at this meeting that the ladies would have a Bazar during the coming Thanksgiving season.

An adjourned meeting of the consistory and men of the church was held on Monday evening September 19th. At this meeting the following committees were appointed. Soliciting Committee, A. K. Zartman, Martin Connatt, D. W. Souder, R. L. Romy, Valentine Monn, F. D. Paulus, Geo. Solidav, Jacob Rudisil.

Building Committee, A. K. Zartman, James Vining, Levi Bolender, D. W. Souder, C. C. Gumper, John W. Vordermark.

These committees shall have power to call to their help any other members of the church they may need.

The ladies also had a meeting this same evening to mature plans for their Bazar.

Now then, since the church has decided to build, let every member, pray and work for the success of this laudable project. And let us all see how much we can do personally toward the building.

The probable cost of the auditorium will be about \$15,000. The pastor stated at the congregational meeting, that if the members of the church would give for a year and a half, or two years, the one tenth of their income, the amount which should be raised by the congregation toward the building, could be easily secured. But we should be willing to do even more than this. Let our prayers be unto God, and that He may give us means and willing hearts, and raise up for as many helpers in this work.

The Visitor will keep the members and friends of the church posted in reference to the plans and progress of the progress the church is making in this work.

The City Department of the Y. M. C. A. will give another course of its excellent entertainments as follows:
Sept. 27.—Lecture, Dr. J. DeWitt Miller.

Oct. 11.—Lecture, Rev. Frank Bristol.

Nov. 4.—Lecture, Dr. J. P. D. John.

Nov. 15.—Concert, Schubert Quartette.

Dec. 13.—Concert, Boston Stars.

The above five entertainments, \$1.50; single entertainment, 50c.

There will be a meeting of the Soliciting and Building Committees, at the Church, Monday evening, Sept. 26th. It is important that all the members of these committees should be at this meeting. We shall be glad to have any other members of the church at the meetings of these committees.

The pastor's study has been furnished with a Pomeroy Duplicator, and as time will permit we hope to furnish interesting programs and order of services etc., for the church. Mrs. Zartman has been doing some fine artistic work with the Duplicator.

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The ladies should begin at once to make sun-bonnets, aprons and fancy work for the Bazar.

Mr. Jacob Rudisil remembered the pastor's horse with a sack of oats. The horse has a very grateful appreciation of such remembrances.

The pastor held very pleasant services at the Salem church at Coningswood September 10th and 11th. We always have a large attendance at the services with this church.

The statements for the third quarter will be ready for distribution by the first Sabbath in October. It is hoped if any of the members are in arrears, they will pay up promptly.

The ladies meet at the church parlors, Thursday afternoon, Sept. 29th, for sewing. The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Society will be held Thursday afternoon, Oct. 6th.

The pastor's family is indebted to Mr. F. D. Paulus, Mrs. Chas. Gumpfer and Mrs. John Chadwick, for baskets of luscious grapes and to Mrs. Jacob Rudisil, for baskets of apples. Many thanks.

These beautiful autumn Sabbaths should be incentives to the people to attend church services. Let our houses of worship be thronged upon these days, with devout and thankful worshippers.

The Rev. Dr. Kuelling has entered upon his work with the Salem Reformed Church. We find him a very pleasant gentleman and bespeak for him a very prosperous pastorate with the Salem Church.

There will be a special meeting of

St. Joseph Classis at Plmouth, Ind., Sept. 30, at 7 p. m., to dismiss Rev. S. Shaw, to the Iowa Classis, and to receive Rev. A. Iden, from the Christian Church, into the St. Joseph Classis.

SAD AND SORROWING.

Mrs. Henry Tons died Tuesday, September 6th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lydia Bell, 174 West Creighton avenue. Mrs. Tons had been in failing health for two or three months past, but it was hoped that she might yet recover and be permitted to remain with her family for many years. The Lord, however, directed otherwise, and called her from the home below to that "Better Home Above." She was fully prepared for the change which awaited her, and with anxious heart looked forward to the day when the Lord would take her unto himself. She had from an early period in life been a professed child of God, and was very much attached to the church of her choice. She was consistent and faithful in the discharge of all her Christian duties. She was a kind and solicitous mother, especially anxious that all her sons and daughters might follow in the pious footsteps of their father and mother. The funeral services were held at the Salem Reformed Church, on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 8th, and were conducted by Rev. Kuelling, D. D. and pastor of Grace Church.

Dora, daughter of Emery and Lydia Schneider, residing near Auburn, Ind., died Saturday, Sept. 17, aged 1 year, 5 months and 12 days. Dora was a very beautiful and interesting child. She was just at an age when the child endears itself to the parent's heart. We sympathize very deeply with these young parents in their sad bereavement. It was the only child in this home, the loss will therefore be the more keenly felt. But we know that the little one is now a transplanted flower and it shall bloom forever in the Lord's garden above.

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast."

The funeral services were held at the Salem Reformed Church, Collingswood, on Monday afternoon, Sept. 19. Our prayer is that the Lord may comfort the hearts of these bereaved parents and give them all needed strength and grace to bear their affliction with full confidence in the Lord, remembering, that while our departed loved ones may not return to us again in this world, we may meet them in the home beyond.

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Prayer Meeting Topics.

September 25. Consecration meet-
ing. Worthy confession. 1 Cor. 11:
23-28; Col. 1:14. A. K. Zartman.

Oct. 2. The old life and the new.
Acts 9:1-22; Gal. 1:13-24. D. W.
Souder.

Oct. 9. What can we learn from
Dorcas. Acts 9:36-42; 2 Cor. 9:6-8.
Lizzie Rudisil,

Oct. 16. God's messages. How
does He send them? Acts 10:5-6;
Ex. 3:11-14. Martin Connert.

Oct. 23. Witnessing for Christ.
Acts 10:39-43; Luke 24:44-48. Nellie
French.

Oct. 30. Consecration meeting.
What do they teach us? Acts 11:11;
Acts 2:41-47. Eugene Mathis.

JUNIOR SOCIETY.

Sept. 25. Must I confess Christ?
Matt. 10:32-33. Rosa Dukeman.

Oct. 9. The story of Dorcas. Acts
9:36-42. Bertha Cour.

Oct. 23. What must I do to be
saved? Acts 16:27-31. John Knight.

The service on Sabbath evening,
October 1st, will be in the interest of
young men. Mr. Bower, secretary of
the city department of the Y.M.C.A.,
and Mr. Burns, secretary of the R. R.
Department, have both consented to
us ten minute addresses, on the topic,
"The Perils of Young Men." We
shall expect a large attendance of
young men at this service. Messrs.
Bowers and Burns will have some in-
teresting things to tell the young
men.

The Young People's Society has de-
cided to hold weekly cottage prayer-
meetings. The meetings are proving
to be a success. A part of the even-
ing is spent in Scripture and exposi-
tion. The readings for the present
will be in the Gospel of John. Mem-
bers, or friends of the church, desir-
ing these meetings at their homes,
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sons interested in such meetings are
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